

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research Assistant



Project Title	Alcohol and Substance Abuse Research Assistant
Project Summary	The virtual intern will engage in administrative and research activities that support Indian Health Service programs addressing alcohol and substance abuse including Youth Regional Treatment Centers.
Country	United States

Project Description

The virtual intern will engage in administrative and research activities that support Tribal Actions Plans, Youth Regional Treatment Centers, and other IHS programs addressing alcohol and substance abuse.

Background:

The Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986, as amended by the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, requires the Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (OIASA) to work with other federal agencies and offices that oversee federally recognized tribes in developing a Tribal Action Plan (TAP). The TAP coordinates resources and programs to help tribes achieve their goals for preventing and treating substance use disorders.

The IHS provides recurring funding to 12 Youth Regional Treatment Centers (YRTCs) to address the ongoing issues of substance abuse and co-occurring disorders among American Indian and Alaska Native youth. Through education and culture-based prevention initiatives, evidence-based and practice-based models of treatment, family strengthening, and recreational activities, youth can overcome their challenges and recover their lives to become healthy, strong, and resilient leaders in their communities. The YRTCs provide a range of clinical services rooted in a culturally relevant, holistic model of care. These services include: clinical evaluation; substance abuse education; group, individual, and family psychotherapy; art therapy; adventure-based counseling; life skills; medication management or monitoring; evidence-based/practice-based treatment; aftercare relapse prevention; and post-treatment follow-up services.

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Keeping abreast of Tribal Action Plan (TAP) information and offering support activities where appropriate;
- Assistance in Youth Regional Treatment Center (YRTC) data collection;
- IHS alcohol and substance abuse website updates as needed; and
- Other alcohol and substance abuse prevention, treatment, and aftercare related administrative and research duties as assigned.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Data analysis
Editing and proofreading
Research
Writing

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

None